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TITLE OF INVENTION  
GAME OF CHANCE USING SIX DICE

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
2 2066/12/98	273-274.000	E14	UTILITY	YES	\$620.00	06/26/01

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/391445

Applicant(s)

Rocca R. Promutico

Examiner

Benjamin H. Layho

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— The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address—

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response on 2/28/01 and interview on 3/22/01
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2, 3, 5 and 6
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 2/8/01 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_
5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS  
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached  
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.  
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1 ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
3 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
5 ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. 1  
7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
9 ☐ Other

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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William Muckelroy on 3/22/01.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

3. Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled.

The title has been changed to --Game Of Chance Using Six Dice--.

### ***Reasons For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The patent to Doherty discloses a dice game comprising five dice and a board having a plurality of arrays. Each array having dice spots one through six, each array representing dice rolls of "One Pair", "Two Pair", "Triple", "Four of a kind", "Five of a kind", "Straight", etc. The patent to DiLullo discloses a dice game comprising three dice, see Fig. 2, and a board having an area containing possible dice rolls of three dice having different numerals of 1-36. The patent to Page discloses a dice game using six dice, the six dice are divided into a set of three large dice and

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a second set of three smaller dice. The patent to Vancura discloses a dice game using six dice.

The patent to de Keller discloses a dice game using sets of dice having different colors.

The Examiner can find no motivation to combine the cited references to meet the claimed dice game using six dice, three dice being of one color or design and three dice being of another color or design, each area containing a different numeral selected from the group consisting of 3 to 35, and the shaped arrays having dice spots.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin H. Layno whose telephone number is (703) 308-1815.

For **official** fax communications to be officially entered in the application the fax number is (703) 305-3579.

For **informal** fax communications the fax number is (703) 308-7768.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the **status of this application** or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

Any inquiry concerning the **drawings** should be directed to the Drafting Division whose telephone number is (703) 305-8335.

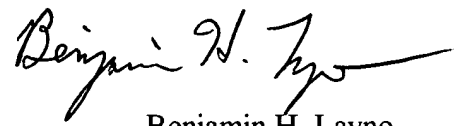
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March 23, 2001

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Benjamin H. Layno". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Benjamin H. Layno

Primary Examiner

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